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1. A new machine gun field manual was distributed to troop units in 1950. It is used in instruction within the machine gun and rifle companies of the 44th Gds Mecz Regt, Vienna. It contained two pictures of a new machine gun.*
2. The legend to the photograph on page 75 of the manual, which shows the assembled machine gun without support (stanok), is as follows:

Picture No 46 - full view of the TSB-53 machine gun

- 1 Barrel
- 2 Jacket
- 3 and 4 Front and rear device for attaching the bipod
- 5 Magazine
- 6 Cover plate latch
- 7 Cartridge feed opening
- 8 Tap -hole for attaching the antiaircraft sight
- 9 Trigger mechanism
- 10 Bolt handle
- 11 Loading handle
- 12 Trigger button of the safety device and fire-selector sight
- 13 Locking spring of the trigger bolt
- 14 Magazine cover
- 15 Sighting device
- 16 Barrel handle

3. The photograph on page 75 of the manual shows the assembled parts of the machine gun. The legend follows: *

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- 4 Trigger mechanism
- 4a Silencer (shep talo)
- 4b Distributor
- 4c Locking spring of the trigger bolt
- 5 Magazine cover
- 5a Cover plate latch
- 6 Cartridge carrier
- 7 Cartridge carrierhousing
- 8 Bolt shaft
- 9 Bolt housing
- 9a through c Slide mechanism
- 10 Bolt mechanism
- 11 Recoil boost absorber of the bolt housing
- 12 Firing pin spring
- 13 Firing pin
- 14 Jacket

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* Comment. Light 7.9-mm guns, model Brno 1926, were used by several Soviet units during World War II. They had been taken from Lithuanian Army stocks and had characteristics similar to the light machine gun, model TSB -53. It seems probable that the latter machine gun was a product of the Brno Arms Factory, Czechoslovakia, and has been issued to some Soviet units under the bilateral arms exchange program between the U.S.S.R. and Czechoslovakia. See Annex for photographs of Page 75 and 76 of the manual.

Annex: Photographs of Pages 75 and 76 of the manual.

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